

# Campus Update Monday, February 11, 2019



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## Celebrate Day of Beauty

The USJ Offices of Diversity & Inclusion and Student Affairs present **"Day of Beauty" on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the McGovern Lounge.** Celebrate self-love and enjoy a day of education and tips on self-care from local YouTube Blogger "Purposely Figured."



## Romance De La Guitara Concert

On **Thursday, Feb. 14 from 8–9:30 p.m.**, Daniel Salazar Jr. returns to the Autorino Center at USJ for "Romance De La Guitara," a Valentine's Day tradition. The program features Spanish classical guitar, an ensemble of international musicians, guest vocalists, and dancers. Enjoy an evening of the exhilarating rhythms and beautiful melodies of Spain and Latin America.

Click [here](#) for ticket information.



## Join the Adelante Circle of Support

The Institute for Latino Community Practice at USJ invites you to join the Adelante Circle of Support!

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019

**Where:** McDonough Hall, Room 205

**Time:** 12–12:55 p.m.

**As a member of this group, you" have the opportunity to:**

- Share both the successes and challenges of attending college as a part-time student.
- Provide mutual support, encouragement, knowledge & resources to each other
- Celebrate Latina/o culture individually and

- collectively throughout USJ
- Meet other students who can serve as supportive partners in your college journey
- Build community and Enjoy time with supportive classmates

Download the flyer [here](#).

Join Us! / ¡Acompáñenos for...  
The Adelante Circle of Support



**What is Adelante?** Adelante (the Spanish word for "onward") is the name of USJ's 12 credit undergraduate and career development certificate for bilingual (English/Spanish) professionals who are serving Latino communities. Adelante also supports adult learners from underrepresented groups who are returning to college to complete their Bachelor's degree and Graduate Students.

**What is Adelante's Circle of Support?** The Circle of Support is a student support and resource group. The group was initiated and named by the students and has been active for the past eight years. The group was named by Adult Learning/Adelante student, Amy Smith (class of 2015).

**Students decided that the Circle of Support would serve as a "safe space" to...**

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- Provide mutual support, encouragement, knowledge & resources to each other
- Celebrate Latina/o culture individually and collectively throughout USJ
- Meet other students who can serve as supportive partners in your college journey
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**When: Saturday February 16th  
AND Saturday March 2, 12:00pm – 12:55pm**

**Where: McDonough Hall- Room 205**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED** \*please let Mary know if you have any dietary restrictions

For further information, please contact:

- o **Mary Schone**; Institute of Latino Community Practice Graduate Assistant [mschone@usj.edu](mailto:mschone@usj.edu) Phone (860) 231-5416 Mercy 237

## Blood Drive

Want to make a difference? One pint of blood can save up to three lives. □USJ and the American Red Cross are having a blood drive on **Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.** in the Gengras Building's multi-purpose room. You can register online by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter code USJ.

This drive is hosted by USJ's Tri-Beta.

Download event flyer [here](#).



## Office Hours with President Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Monday, Feb. 25, from 3–5 p.m.** in the President's Office, Room 1, Mercy Hall (at the far end of the hallway). Faculty, staff, and students are invited to sign up (recommended) or stop in for a 15-minute appointment with the President during this time.

**Contact:** Ruth Foxman, executive assistant to the President/secretary to the Board of Trustees at [rfoxman@usj.edu](mailto:rfoxman@usj.edu) or 860.231.5221



## New Tax Credit Offered to STEM Graduates Working in CT

Passed by the state legislature over a year ago as part of the 2017 state budget compromise, a new tax credit aimed at keeping college graduates in the technology fields in Connecticut – and attracting young professionals to the state – becomes effective this year.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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## Mindfulness Meditation

Increase your focus and understanding by practicing regular meditation. We offer two on-campus sessions per week. Drop in on the days you can. No experience necessary.

**When:** Every Tuesday and Friday

**Where:** Tuesday's in Lynch 118 and Friday's in Mercy Hall's Interfaith Prayer Room, Mercy 304,

**Time:** 12–12:25 p.m.

## 2019 #MakeMercyReal Video Contest

Calling all Mercy students to tell the compelling story of how people in their communities “make mercy real” and live out the Sisters of Mercy’s critical concerns. Put those creative ideas and skills to work, the **Grand Prize Winner will receive \$500!** Learn more [here](#).

**Note:** All entries must be received by April 1, 2019.

## Volunteer for Avenue of Dreams

The Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families is seeking volunteers for the **9th annual Avenue of Dreams prom event on March 9, 2019**, for at risk youth.

The positions we are currently looking to fill are as follows: Fairy Glam Mother, Shining Knights, Shoe Attendants, Dressing Room Attendants, Traffic Flow, and Sign-In and Registration.

**Questions?** Contact the outreach coordinator at 860.258.3400 or by e-mail at [Catherine.rose@cafafct.org](mailto:Catherine.rose@cafafct.org).

## Prom Drive

The Office of Community Engagement will be collecting formal attire for the Prom Drive **on Feb 13**. You can drop off at Student Affairs or to Kim Albert in the Business office.

## Mentoring Opportunity

Would you like to mentor a 5th grader from West Middle Community School? **ConnectiKids, Inc.** is an after school academic enhancement program for Hartford youth. Tutors work with student using a literacy-based curriculum and mentoring that helps students succeed in Hartford Public Schools. Mentoring sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 4:20–5:35 p.m. at USJ. Download the flyer [here](#).

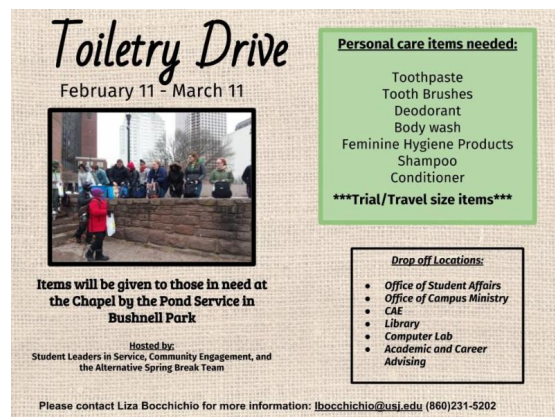
**Questions?** Contact Liza Bocchichio [lbocchichio@usj.edu](mailto:lbocchichio@usj.edu) or 860.231.5202.

## Toiletry Drive

Personal Care Items are needed for the Toiletry Drive from Feb.11–March 11. Items will be given to those in need at the Chapel by the Pond Service in Bushnell Park.

**Drop off locations:** Office of Student Affairs, Office of Campus Ministry, CAE, Library, Computer Lab, Academic and Career Advising.

Click [here](#) for more information.



**Toiletry Drive**  
February 11 - March 11

**Personal care items needed:**

- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

**\*\*\*Trial/Travel size items\*\*\***

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- Office of Student Affairs
- Office of Campus Ministry
- CAE
- Library
- Computer Lab
- Academic and Career Advising

**Items will be given to those in need at the Chapel by the Pond Service in Bushnell Park**

Hosted by:  
Student Leaders in Service, Community Engagement, and the Alternative Spring Break Team

Please contact Liza Bocchichio for more information: [lbocchichio@usj.edu](mailto:lbocchichio@usj.edu) (860)231-5202

## Campus Ministry Announcements

**Singing Opportunity:** The Chapel Choir is looking for three students to join this Spring Semester. The positions in the choir require an audition. Students receive a stipend for their participation. Auditions will be held on Sundays at 8 p.m.

**SAVE the Date:** March 5, 2019- Stations of the Cross Fair (See flyer). This will be a great way to learn about the Stations of the Cross and to begin the Lenten Season reflecting on how we are carrying our cross. **Volunteers needed!** We are looking for those who would be interested in doing a Station at the fair. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Lynnette Colon at [colon@usj.edu](mailto:colon@usj.edu) or 860.231.5269.

**Reminders:**

- Weekly Wednesday Masses will take place at 12:05 p.m. and Sundays at 7pm in the Chapel. Download the flyer [here](#).
- The new Multifaith Prayer Room is located in Mercy Hall, room 304.

## TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **Feb. 21, 2019**, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mercy Hall, Provost Conference Room main campus.

To schedule an appointment: Call the TIAA office in Hamden, 866.842.2051 X252403

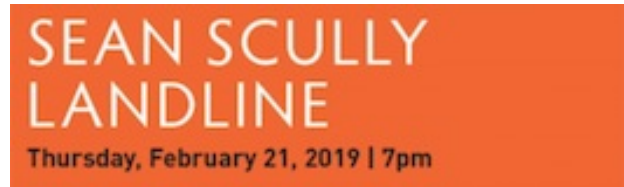
**Contact:** Lisa Peruccio, Benefits Administrator at [lperuccio@usj.edu](mailto:lperuccio@usj.edu) or at 860.231.5509



## Wadsworth Atheneum Event

You are invited to the preview of **Sean Scully: Landline at 7 pm on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019**. Because the University of Saint Joseph has institutional membership, faculty, students, and staff are invited for **FREE**. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Please **RSVP by Feb. 14** to [membership@wadsworthatheneum.org](mailto:membership@wadsworthatheneum.org) or 860.838.4070.



## Ticket and Internship Opportunities with Theaterworks

Did you know that USJ is a part of the The Hartford Consortium for Higher Education (HCHE)? The HCHE and Theaterworks (TW) have partnered together to offer free/discounted tickets and internship opportunities to its members.

**Downloadable Forms:**

[TW HCHE Marketing Associate Information](#)

[Discounted TW Faculty and Staff Tickets](#)

[Free TW Student Tickets](#)

[HCHE TheaterWorks Internship Information](#)

[2019 Theaterworks Internships General Information](#)

**Questions?**

- For ticket offers, email [sbharris@metrohartford.com](mailto:sbharris@metrohartford.com) | Subject: 2019 Theaterworks Offer
- For internship questions, contact Freddie McInerney: [freddie@theaterworkshartford.org](mailto:freddie@theaterworkshartford.org) or Michael McKiernan: [michael@theaterworkshartford.org](mailto:michael@theaterworkshartford.org)



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